

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry "documentary" days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. From what I have learned, this documentary is essentially an anti-Kerry political ad; it should, in the timing and manner it is being presented, be illegal. At a minimum, the Kerry campaign should be given an equivalent amount of time to counter this "documentary".

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.